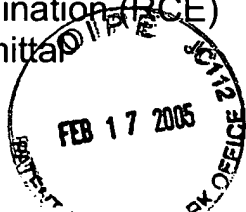


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Filing Date	August 29, 2003
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Art Unit	3643
Examiner Name	David J. Parsley
Attorney Docket Number	TOPP-P7.1-US

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
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- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☒ Other Reply and Amendment to Final Office Action mailed 01/13/2005
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Xmtal w/ Pet Ext Time & FEE FY 2005

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
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- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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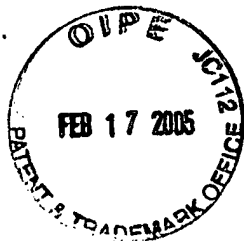
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (1 pg.) that is responsive to the outstanding Final Office Action in the above-captioned application.

☒ Small entity status of this application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.27(b) has been established.

☐ It is believed that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).

☒ **Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) - (d) for the total number of months checked below:**

<u>Extension Months(s)</u>	<u>Fee For Other Than Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee For Small Entity</u>
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☐ A Terminal Disclaimer Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(b) and (c) is enclosed.

☐ An Assignment ( pgs.) is enclosed.

☐ Assignment Cover Sheet (1 pg.)

☐ An Information Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 ( pgs.) is enclosed.

☐ Form PTO-1449.

☐ References

☒ Fee Transmittal for FY2005 – Form PTO/SB/17 (1 pg.) is enclosed.

☒ A postage-prepaid, self-addressed postcard for the PTO to acknowledge receipt of this communication is enclosed.

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☐ Figure \_\_\_\_ with amendments marked in red ink. (1 pg.) is enclosed.

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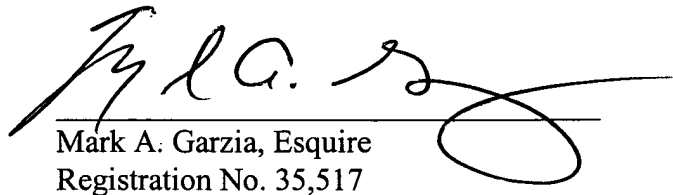
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